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1. The Polish commercial mission now in Buenos Aires has offered Argentina 750,000 tons of coal for the year 1949 at \$14 (U.S.) per ton, f.o.b. Gdynia. However, Poland does not have enough shipping to handle the transportation and will not use British bottoms because of exorbitant insurance rates. The Argentine government is attempting to solve this transportation problem.
2. The mission approached Argentina on the possibility of obtaining Argentine zinc, but was informed that this zinc had already been committed to other buyers.
3. When the mission leaves Argentina, it plans to visit Brazil in order to explore the possibility of reaching a trade agreement with that country.

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